



## Robert W. Rowe

July 3, 1944 - October 31, 2016

Robert W. Rowe, 72, of Sarasota entered eternal life on October 31, 2016. He was born to Don and Ada Rowe on July 3, 1944. As a family, they moved to Sarasota in 1957. He graduated from Sarasota High School in 1962, attended Manatee Community College and Auburn University. He proudly served his country as a Navy SeaBee, during two tours in Vietnam. Bob was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for his meritorious service as a crew leader completing 3 heavy timber bridges and an 80 ft control tower under arduous working conditions. After his military service, his leadership continued locally in the construction industry; which was his lifelong passion. He obtained his Class "A" General Contractor's license in 1982, completing many projects as owner of Rowe Construction, Inc. and co-owner of HR Ventures, Inc. In 1987 he founded Rowe Structures, Inc. specializing in concrete structures. His commercial structures were part of the boom that changed the skylines of downtown Sarasota, Longboat Key and Boca Grande.

Bob was a devoted husband to his wife of 39 years, Susan E. Rowe. He was a proud and loving father to his daughter Julianne (Jim) Lindell and his son Robert Tyler (Lisa) Rowe. He was affectionately called Pa by his beloved ten grandchildren who brought him boundless joy: Kali, Ryan, Jonny, Sara, Tripp, Will, Beau, Ryleigh, Sydney, and Brooks. He dearly loved his sister Nancy (Bruce) Rohleder, whose childhood memories expanded into their adulthood with wonderful family gatherings between Sarasota, Grand Cayman and North

Carolina. He is also survived by his dear parental aunts, Marian Jones and her family, Bea Wolfe of Los Angeles; as well as his half-brother Don Rowe, Jr. of Asheville. Bob was lovingly nicknamed Gator by his in-laws for his many adventures as a Florida sportsman, and he was Uncle Gator to his many nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by all his family, and friends too many to count. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jeffrey.

Known by many in the community as Bobby, his quick wit and sense of humor, brought smiles to those all around him. His spontaneous one liners and great stories will be lovingly repeated for years to come. As an avid fresh and saltwater fisherman, he always loved being on the water, especially at sunrise and sunset. He and Susie had a mutual deep love of the outdoors and had many wonderful times together enjoying fishing, boating, golfing, four-wheeling, and hiking in North Carolina. Their love of nature was shared by their family and friends who gathered with them often in their mountain get-away.

Bob was a charter member of the Sahib Shriners. Over the years his affiliations included the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, volunteering for the children's activities through the Sahib Temple, and volunteer work at the Suncoast Foundation for Handicapped Children, Inc. He served on the Board of Directors of the Dolphin Tower Condominium Association, assisting in the restoration of the building.

A visitation will be held at Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel in downtown Sarasota on Monday, November 7th from 6 PM – 8 PM. The funeral service will be held at the Church of the Incarnation at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, November 8th, followed by interment at Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate); or the Suncoast

Foundation for Handicapped Children, 2105 South Tuttle Ave, Suite B,  
Sarasota, Florida 34239.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Sorry to hear of your passing. You were a brother Sea Bee in Nam and as my crew leader I respected and had a strong respect for your construction know how.

Richard Soucy - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Bob was a friend of mine in the Sea Bees. He was a fun guy to hang out with and I was so sorry to hear of his passing.

Richard Coppock - December 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Ray and I are Ian Emersons parents and soon to be in laws to Claire Rohleder. I did not have the pleasure to meet Rob, but what I am reading about his life reveals a caring, intelligent and loving man. I am so sorry he has passed away. I hope the love and support of your family and friends wraps its arms around you and gives you peace during this sad time.

Ray and Mary Emerson - November 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Rowe family and friends

Jan Turner Rivr - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My family is deeply saddened by Bob's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue, Juli, Nancy and all the rest of his family. Hopefully as times passes you can dwell on all the happy memories. Much love to you all.

Cindy Clark - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Your loved one is with his Heavenly Father, looking down on you. You only have to think of him and he is there at your side. God Bless!

Judy Cooke-Beaver - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. There are no words that I can say to make this any easier, just know I send all my love. Carol McCabe

Carol McCabe - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Susie, Juli Rob and everyone, I am deeply sorry for your loss of such a wonderful husband and dad. I enjoyed the times I saw him either here in Washington or when I came to Sarasota. My greatest memory of him will be when he took Juli, Tripp, Will and I to the airport in Tampa. The look on his face was priceless when we got all the luggage on the sidewalk, 4 big suitcases, 3 carry-ons, 1 big carseat, 1 big stroller, and our purses! Willie was three months old and Tripp had to have been around 18 months. He said "I have no idea how you are going to get all this stuff moved"! We made it though! Suz

Suzanne Cronin - November 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My deepest sympathy. He was a fine person loved by his family.

Kathy McCarthy Razzano - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Our hearts are broken for Susie and Rowe family. Many happy memories of him over so many years. God Bless them all.*

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**Jon and Kay Earp** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Mike and Sue Bell** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. I was so looking forward to meeting this man that Juli adored and spoke so highly of. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jamie Eder** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Mr. Rowe was an incredibly special friend and neighbor to us. Susie, Juli and Robbie you have a guardian angel watching over you and smiling upon you. There is no doubt in the love and pride he had for his family. May our heavenly father comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time. Please know we are here for you and love you all dearly.*

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**Jason and Cathy Neubauer** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ This really hurts. He was a superb individual. Always giving, kind and very considerate - especially upon the occasion of my father's death. I was happy that he and his wife purchased the home I was raised in when my mother's time came. It always gave me a sense of "continuity" for our "era." And he was also one of my teammates on the SHS football team... Now, another locker is empty. So long, Pal. And thanks...one more time...

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**Charles Kahlenberg** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ May God comfort you and your family. We are so sorry for you loss. With heartfelt sympathy, The Green Family

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**Teresa Green and Family** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We are so sorry for your loss! We are praying for you and thinking about your family!!!! He was such a sweet man! And made awesome ribs :) Tyler enjoyed talking to him about cooking last time he saw him.

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**Tyler & Destiny Green** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I will always remember Bob's smile and sense of humor. My heart breaks for the Rowe family... sending peace and love.

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**Mischa Decker and family** - November 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM